GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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DELAY IN PRIVATISATION
SUBODH MOHITE

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the process of privatisation in Civil Aviation sector has been delayed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, the progress made in this regard so far;

(d) whether any specific time frame has been fixed for the completion of the process;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the measures being taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a):- Yes Sir.

(b):- The Government of India, in January 2000, approved therestructuring of the airports of Airports Authority of India (AAI)through long term leasing route as and when found suitable. At the first instance, the international airports at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata were taken up for this exercise. Accordingly in November 2000 Airports Authority of India (Amendment) Bill 2000 was introduced in the Parliament to provide for an enabling provision in the Act for leasing out the airports of AAI. The Bill was referredto the Department Related Parliamentary Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture. The Committee submitted its report in November 2002 suggesting a number of Amendments in the Bill.

(c) :- Steps have been taken to obtain the approval of the competent authority to introduce the comprehensive amendment Bill. Government has also announced in the Budget for the year 2003-04, the proposal to develop Delhi/ Mumbai airports to world class standards by forming separate companies under the Airports Authority of India. These companies will be allowed to induct joint venture partners. (d):- No Sir.

(e) & (f):- Do not arise.